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Dear Examiner Novacek:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 18, 2005, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

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